

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 16-36, 38-57 and 59-70 are pending. Claims 6, 15, 37, 58 and 66-67 are cancelled. Claims 71-72 are newly added.

As a preliminary matter, the Applicants incorporate all of its previously presented arguments. Additionally, Applicants respectfully request an interview be granted between the undersigned, William John Taylor and the examiner to discuss the claimed invention relative to the prior art before the examiner acts on this Amendment.

The Applicants added new claims 71-72 that explicitly define the connection between the spring and the crimp to achieve an electrical connection between the feedthrough assembly and the IMD. None of the cited references includes this limitation. For at least this reason, withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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